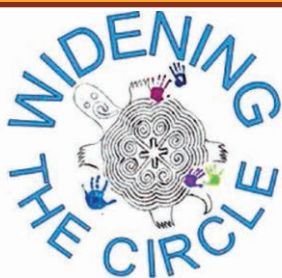




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Martin takes center stage before national presidential debate



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Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, Arvina Martin had a vital role in helping shape the upcoming national presidential election in Wisconsin.

Martin, a Ho-Chunk member, gave a speech before the debate of Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton on February 11 at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Following that event, she spoken on Wisconsin Public Radio about politics and the presidential race.

“I was asked by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin,” she said. “They were responsible for putting on the pre-program for the debate and I work a lot with them so they kind of know me.

“I know a lot about election details and I’ve helped with information about voter ID and making sure people know that the correct information in order to vote. They wanted someone to talk about voter access, registration and voter ID, how a lot of the things we previously took for granted has been taken away by Governor Walker,” Martin said.

She worked with the communications director for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and he informed her what they were looking for and they put together the speech.

“I actually wasn’t that nervous. I’ve spoken in front of big crowds and I knew that I had a few familiar faces. I saw (Ho-Chunk Nation) Representatives Pettibone and Visintin there, so it was nice to see them as well as (Attorney General) Amanda WhiteEagle and I knew that they were there, and a few friends from campaigning. It’s always hopeful to have some friendly folks in the audience,” Martin said.

Before the program, Democratic Party Chair Martha Lanning spoke to welcome the audience, then Martin was the third of three presenters to talk. The three subjects addressed were minimum wage, student debt and voting rights.

After Martin spoke, the national Democratic Party Chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, spoke to welcome everyone to the debate. Then the crew got everything ready for television.

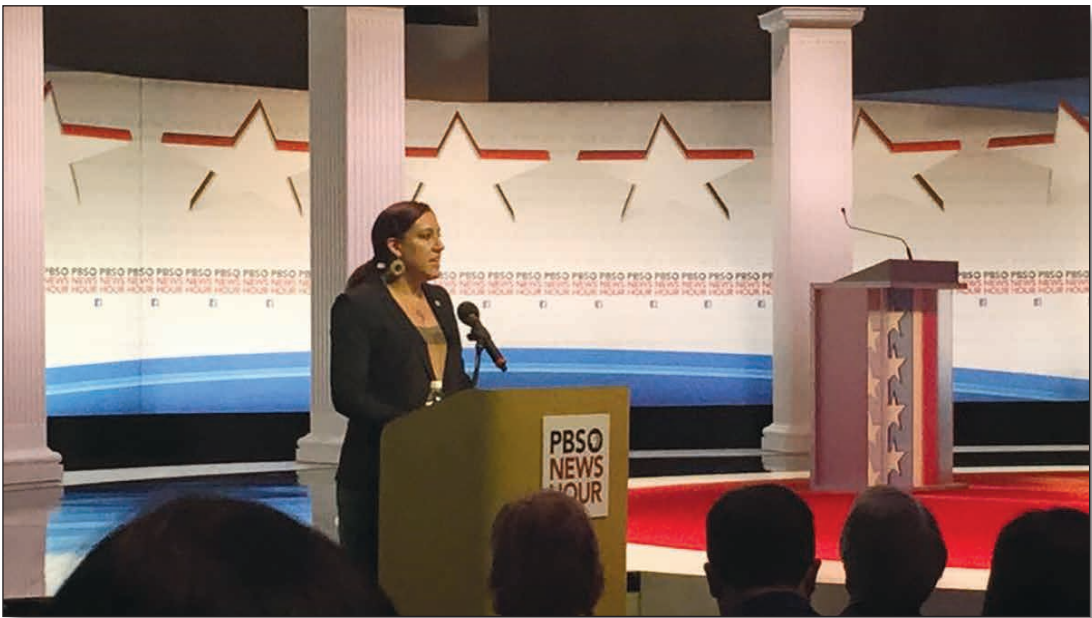
“I didn’t get to meet Bernie or Hillary. I was a little too tentative trying to go up and shake hands or get my picture taken,” she said. “I didn’t get to meet them at all, but I did get to meet Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Gwen Iffil and Judy Woodruff, who were moderating the debate that evening.”

Martin has given speeches before, but this is clearly a different league, she said.

“This wasn’t talking to my friends or my own community, or talking for my roller derby people. I think the stakes were a bit higher,” Martin said.

If she were given the opportunity, Martin said she would jump at the chance.

“I would love to. I wish I could have had time to say more things and bring up more issues that are im-



Arvina Martin addresses the crowd before the Democratic presidential debate between candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton on February 11 at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

portant, especially to Indian Country,” she said.

The intensity of the experience was thrilling for her, something that raced around in her mind afterwards.

“I felt like I was vibrating as I was driving home. It was such a cool experience,” she said. “I was glad it was about an hour and a half before I had to lay down (because of the drive). If it had been here in Madison, I wouldn’t have been able to fall asleep right away.”

The memories of that night will be etched on her mind for a long time.

“Even just being able to go to the debate and being able to watch the debate from within the arena, and being one of the people able to address the crowd was amazing,” she said. “I was so proud to be able to bring up issues and talk a little bit about things that affect native people here in Wisconsin and talk about why it is important to elect a Democratic president.”

To top that off, Martin was invited to be a guest on the Joy Cardine Show on Wisconsin Public Radio the next day, February 12.

“I had spoken once before on Central Time about a

policy using real names and a lot of people with native names were getting kicked out of polling places, saying their names were fake,” she said. “But this time, they were looking for another person for their segment, which is called ‘Week in Review,’ which is an hour-long show on Friday. They usually have someone from the left and someone from the right to talk about things that happened politically in the nation and go over the events of the week.”

This session was about the presidential candidates, and they talked about Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, the New Hampshire primary, the Iowa caucuses, the debate that happened the previous evening, as well as some of the things happening in Wisconsin, she said.

Martin has always been involved in the political process and, this year, because of the presidential election, she is especially enthusiastic.

“Presidential elections are always really exciting. I’m the chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin’s American Indian caucus and we’re trying to figure out how we want to handle the ‘Get Out

The Vote’ effort,” she said. “We’re making sure that we can get tribal members throughout the state to the polls, make sure everyone is empowered with enough information and are able to cast their votes at the polls, both at the primary election in April and the General Election in November.”

And she has always been an advocate for indigenous people.

“It’s really great to be able to talk about making sure that, we as native people, get our voices heard and our issues are heard and listened

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Message from the President

Aho wazaniwira, I have been in office for approximately 7 months and thought it is about time I gave you, my relatives, an update on the many different things taking place within the HCN Executive Branch of Government. I have instituted our Listening Sessions once again, when I and my Executive Directors travel out to 11 Districts or Communities to listen to the concerns of tribal members. Since then, we’ve heard concerns, complaints, applause, and ideas from tribal members across the Nation. It takes some time away from our respective duties and responsibilities but it is a wonderful time to have an open communication in the form of visits to our Relatives who on a normal course of the day would not have this opportunity.

I’ve worked with the Legislature to confirm all Executive Directors for our Nation. It has taken from July 3rd to February 23rd to have all Directors in place. This is too long of a time for our Branch of Government to be without Heads of Departments, I hope in the future this time would be at least cut in half. We are also beginning work on the programs and services budgets for the upcoming year. This made it a bit difficult for the Executive Directors who have just been recently confirmed a good look at this Process. I am quite confident they will be catching up on this Process with the help of other Directors and Office of President. We want to refocus

our efforts on bringing our language, culture, and traditions back into our everyday life. I’ve asked our departmental leaders to ensure that we are carrying out the true intent of our Constitution, to ensure our tribe will live on forever.

There have been initiatives that were started with President Jon Greendeer’s administration which we are looking at ways to continue and hopefully bring them to floriation. We started to gather data for Hocakra Waikarap, our Census Project. We will use the information to justify grants and government contracts for many of our programs and services. Census is a crucial tool that measures very important characteristics of our Government and Tribal Membership. Once completed, we will be able to apply for funding like housing grants to provide safe and healthy housing for our families or to end homelessness as an example. It will improve our chances and have better opportunities to receive Grants, if you haven’t yet filled out the Census Survey, please take the time to do so As Soon As Possible!

When I took office, I understood that we are facing prevalent substance abuse issues. Drug and alcohol use has been destroying our families and our communities. The Nation declared a State of Emergency and has asked tribal members and employees to help end this epidemic. We have partnered with the Health Depart-

ment, law enforcement, and would also like some of our own communities step in to assist us in stopping these and other abuses taking place in our Communities. We must work together for the future of our sons and daughters, and grandchildren.

In the Listening Sessions we talk about these endeavors that we are working on, such as a Software Accounting System, which will change how the Nation does many of the daily functions in our Treasury and it will affect many of our other Departments. The effort to make major improvements to our Gaming Facilities in what was originally called the Community Reinvestment Project and now is referred to as Ho-Chunk Forward has been reworked with a Team effort from Business, Treasury, Justice and Office of President. Also since the closing of Distribution Center, with the buying power Ho-Chunk Nation has with the size of our Government and Enterprises are making plans to use that to develop a Purchasing & Procurement Division. This will a huge savings on us.

Our Government is a Work in Progress, we have been growing since day one from back in the early sixties into today. Today we are working on making a Realty Division, which will improve our purchasing of land, homes with an immediate in-depth analysis on these before we purchase. We are making an attempt move from our

Land Development Team into a full-fledged Land Division. We are on the verge of completing our employment Classification & Compensation that will be taking place through-out our Nation. This is a dedicated undertaking from our Personnel Department but I believe they see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are still watching Madison on the Mounds issue. Our rally was a success thanks to our Family, Friends, Relatives and many, many Supporters from all parts of Indian Country. I would like to extend gratitude to our Relative from the Winnebago Reservation that made the journey here for the specific purpose of supporting their Relatives. The Wisconsin Legislature has heard our voice. They killed

the Bill this session but we are working to show them why it’s so important so that they never want to allow the excavation of another effigy mound. We won’t quit this fight.

We must continue that spirit in all of our pursuits. This is how our ancestors brought us home and this is how we protect our home for the future generations. It has been said that when we put our Minds together as one toward Mauna he will make what we ask a reality. It has been shown to us again. Let us continue these Ways our Elders told us about and improve our Future of behalf of those coming along after us.

Wilfrid Cleveland
Ho-Chunk Nation President

Martin plays role

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and we are seen as part of this process like everybody else,” Martin said.

The recent change in Wisconsin voter law that makes photo identification mandatory at polling places, has many Wisconsin residents confused.

“It’s a potential roadblock for sure. It’s a requirement to have this ID, and tribes located in rural areas, if you live somewhere rural, there’s not a lot of access to the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles),” Martin said. “There are some places that the DMV is only open maybe once every other week, or once a week. And

if you have to work fulltime, or you have children and you can’t get that photo ID, then you’re out of luck. Which is why the current law should allow tribal IDs because our tribal members can more easily access those than if they’re trying to access a DMV somewhere.”

It is a huge disadvantage, she said, especially if the person can’t get off work that day to get an ID, that person is out of luck, unfortunately.

“Voting is a right guaranteed to us through the state of Wisconsin Constitution and the United States Constitu-

tion. The right to vote is one of our most important rights that we have as citizens of the United States,” she said.

“I firmly believe that we need to make it easier for citizens to cast their ballots. It shouldn’t be a difficult thing. I believe all these restrictions are specifically designed to thwart voting turnout. The side that is in power does better when fewer people come out to vote. They have a vested interest in keeping the electorate at home,” Martin said.



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Out-eating your exercise?

Submitted by Nicholle Birdsill RDN, CD, CDE, CLC – House of Wellness Registered Dietitian

To compliment the current Hixgaxgakjawi Let’s Move pedometer challenge, the Nutrition Program wanted to put some perspective into how your diet can affect any weight loss or maintenance goals you may have set for yourself.

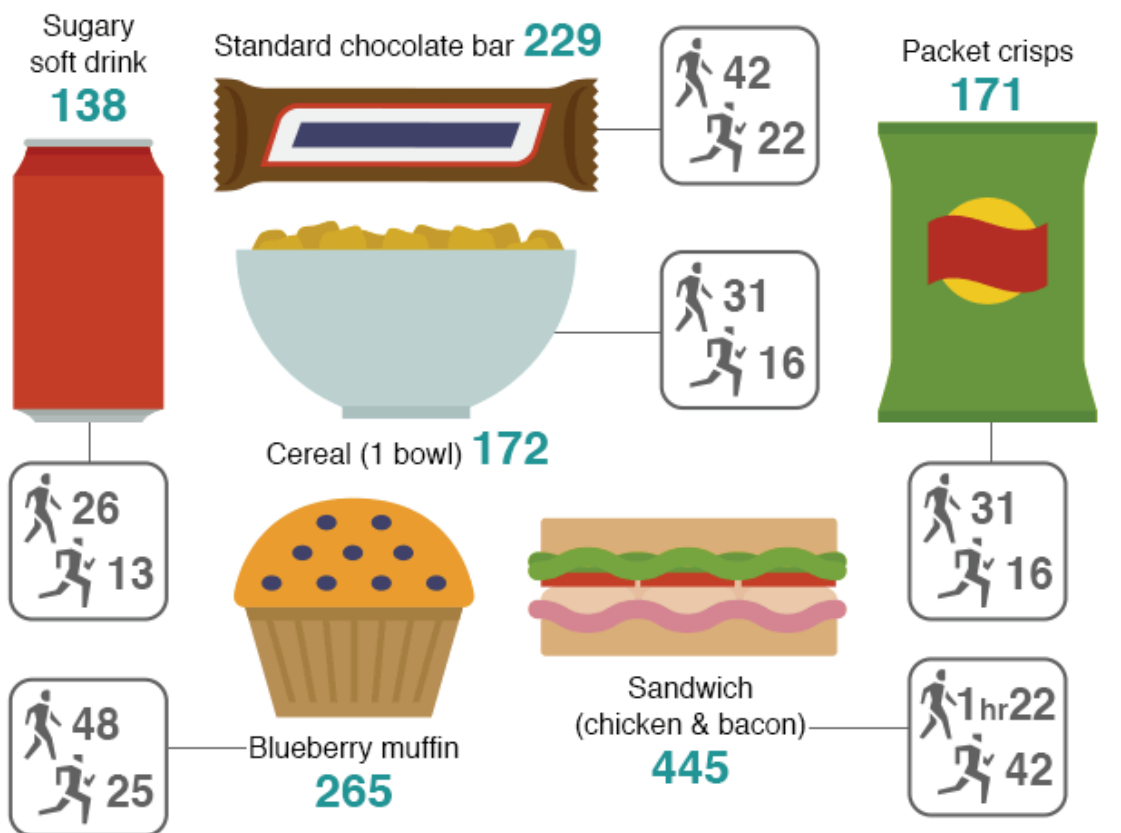
For most people, diet will be the most important factor in your weight loss efforts. It can be easy to out eat the activity you do in a day. The

following infographic helps to depict how snacks or meals can easily negate the walking you have done today. Keep in mind the following minutes are just an estimation as each person’s body type, age, weight, and activity level help to determine how many calories you burn during activity.

If you need help seeing how your diet is affecting your weight, there are Registered Dietitians available at Ho Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness to assist you. Make an appointment today!

How much exercise does it take to burn off calories?

Time it takes to burn off calories in minutes:  Walking (3-5mph)  Running (5mph)



Source: RSPH 

*Picture from <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-35322168>

Attention Ho-Chunk members!



There is still time to make a difference. Paper surveys of the Census will be mailed on Friday, March 4, 2016 to all members whom haven’t completed their census online. The online survey will remain available for the duration of the Census Project. We encourage each member to participate in the Census because your response makes a difference to so many people and the programs that they utilize. There is also an incentive for completing and returning your paper survey on or before March 21, 2016 (online completes will also be eligible).

The drawing incentives will be announced in the near future via:

- Nation’s Website & Facebook

- Legislature’s Facebook
- Census Website
- Hocak Worak

Which district will win?! The district with the highest percentage of completed surveys by March 21st will be entered into a drawing. This drawing will be open only to the members of the district with the highest rate of completion.

In order to complete your census online, you may obtain your token via:

- Planning & Development, Angie Greengrass McDonald or Pine Giroux at 715/284-9343 ext. 1133 or 1166

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Thank you for participating in the 2015 Census!



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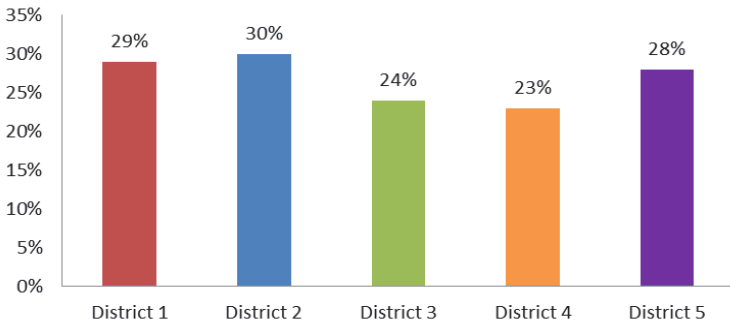
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Census Progress by District (Percent of District that has Completed)



Percentage of completion by district as of March 4th, 2016

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With approach of spring, Road Division crew faces obstacles and challenges

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When the weather gets warmer, incidents of vandalism increase.

Last spring, vandals did considerable damage in and around the Mission area of Black River Falls. A total of 10 roadway signs were removed or damaged on four separate occasions.

Officials of the Roads Program want people to know that defacing or removing signs can lead to serious consequences.

“This creates an extremely dangerous and hazardous situation” said Roads Division Director Garrett Blackdeer. “If a curve ahead or stop sign is removed and a motorist is unfamiliar with the area and driving down our roads, that person or persons could be seriously hurt or worse”.

In checking with the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Department of Justice on this issue, it has been determined that fines of up to \$5,000 can be levied to persons who are held liable for removal of tampering of road signs. Since then, warning signs regarding this have been posted on the Nation’s roadways.

During winter snowplowing, maintenance crew members have experiences in many instances a general lack of safe driving. On many occasions, drivers have followed too closely behind plow trucks or cut too sharply in front of winter maintenance trucks after passing them.

Another concern voiced at area meetings are that vehicles are traveling beyond the posted speeds and thereby

endangering the lives of other motorist and pedestrians on foot.

“We are trying to take care of these issues but most of this falls on obeying posted speed limits and traffic laws,” Blackdeer said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Roads Division is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), a federal agency that is a part of the Department of Interior. No Ho-Chunk Gaming dollars (NPD) are utilized by the program.

The Roads Division is charged with the responsibility of maintaining all BIA and Tribal roads and streets. They are responsible for the public right-of-way only, meaning the 66 feet of the publically traveled roadways. That means they do not have any involvement with private roads or driveways.

What began in the mid-1980s as the Indian Regulatory Roads Program is now the Tribal Transportation Program. The Roads Maintenance Crew is comprised of five full-time employees whose responsibility includes Ho-Chunk communities in Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, Sauk, Shawano and Wood County. These five crew members are responsible for all seasonal road repair, maintenance and signage.

The Roads Program and crew members are called upon by Ho-Chunk Nation Police for assistance on occasion for accidents on roads within their jurisdiction.

Some people have suggested constructing rumble strips or speed bumps to slow people down, but there are problems with those proposed solutions.

“We need to get people to obey the speed limit without altering the roadway. It’s not a good situation with rumble strips and speed bumps,” Blackdeer said.

Those roads alterations cause damage to vehicles, increase the deterioration of the roadway surface, are costly, and make it extremely difficult to plow snow.

One possible remedy to the problem would be to erect flashing signs that show the approaching vehicles’ speed. It also has the ability to col-

lect speed data which will help law enforcement to know if there is a persistent problem in the area.

Vandalism has also occurred at four bus shelters in the Ho-Chunk communities. Six glass panels were broken by thrown rocks. The best option is for the people of the communities to self-police, reporting any illegal or suspicious activities.

The Roads Division can also assist with road construction and repairs within a certain radius of any Ho-Chunk community.

This year’s work agenda includes placing new LED street lighting in the Blue Wing community. The LED lights are special “dark sky compliant” lights that limit side light pollution.

They also plan to rehabilitate Robin Road in Shawano County, removing a hill that obstructs the traffic site line. Another project is on Witt-Birn Town Line Road, where they plan to repave a stretch of roadway and repair of a bridge.

Also, they plan to install turn lanes on Highway 21 at the Eureka intersection leading the Blue Wing Village. The intersection has become dangerous because of



Four bus waiting stations were vandalized last spring in Ho-Chunk communities. Six glass panels were broken by thrown rocks.

heavy traffic and the inability to safely make turns off the highway.

And, last but not least, they will be paving the streets in the new Wazee Subdivision in Black River Falls. Along with new street construction with curb and gutter, they will construct a new bike and walking path.

“The Roads Program would like to thank the community

members for their patience during road construction and is asking the communities to be aware of the issues and problems that arise,” Blackdeer said. “It is the mission of the Ho-Chunk Nation Roads Division to make our roadways as safe as possible and can be greatly enhanced with community support and assistance.”



Bus waiting stations have become targets of vandals.



One of the upcoming projects for this year is to pave the streets in the new Wazee subdivision.

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Conference brings together educators and culture

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

The Widening the Circle conference welcomed educators, presenters, students, and the public on Friday, March 4.

"This conference impacts the educators in our area and how they work with our youth. It's important to connect them with Hmong and native culture," said educator and conference volunteer Elizabeth Digby-Britten.

Some of the workshops for this year's conference included "Trauma: Understanding the hurdles of Indigenous youth of American are born into," presented by Tracy Littlejohn, "Using Educational Data as a Tool: What does it tell us about American Indian students in Wisconsin?" presented by David O'Connor, and "Integrating Act 31 into your classroom," presented by Priscilla Cleveland.

Act 31 is a bill that was passed by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1989. Act 31

mandates that school districts in Wisconsin teach about tribal rights, treaties, and culture.

In 2002 the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's Native American Student Association (NASA) began the Act 31 Teacher Education Conference. This conference ran for approximately four years, growing each year and eventually including Hmong issues on education.

The Act 31 Teacher Education Conference developed



fully into the Widening the Circle conference and continues to strengthen collaborations between the Hmong and

Native American communities.

"The Widening the Circle conference is important because it brings together the voices of indigenous people around education and advocacy. It also makes cultural groups that participate kinder, wiser, happier, and stronger," said conference keynote speaker and Oneida Nation member Barb Munson.

Widening the Circle is designed to follow traditional values in bringing people together to provide a culturally responsive model of multicultural and indigenous education to assist all teachers and students in developing critical consciousness and advocacy.

"If we teach advocacy skills to young people they can work together, provide emotional support to each other, and speak in a respectful way. If we teach them that then we're teaching them a form of cultural preservation," said Munson.



Conference organizers share a meal of traditional foods with participants, students, and the public.

On Friday evening a meal was provided by the Widening the Circle organizers and included traditional foods from Hmong and Ho-Chunk cultures.

"I love cooking and I'm glad they keep asking me back to cook traditional dishes," said Rachel Greendeer.

The menu for the evening

included deer meat, muskrat soup, roasted beaver, cowboy bread, and wild rice.

Next year's Widening the Circle conference will be held March 3-4, 2017.

Educational Enrichment Fund announces new trustee, grants

Lori Chown joined the EEF Board of Trustees at the January meeting. Chown is a 1990 graduate of Black River Falls High School and is the Program Assistant of the Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. Robyn Matousek is also a newly elected Trustee. Matousek is a private practice attorney located in Black River Falls.

The purpose of the Educational Enrichment Fund (EEF) is to provide funds for programs and extracurricular activities within the Black River Falls School District that are not able to be funded through the district's budget.

EEF grant applications were released to teachers in the Black River Falls School District. Applications will be accepted until March 18, 2016. This year, \$7,500 grant funds are available.

Grants to be considered are those that meet the following criteria: a new or innovative nature to fulfill unmet needs; capital improvements; equipment needs; start-up expenses; special programs; and other non-budgeted needs.

Submitted grant applications are evaluated with con-

sideration to the request of the donors, other resources available to meet the educational need, the number of students served, and past support provided by the EEF.

The application can be found on the Black River Area Foundation website: www.BrfAreaFoundation.org

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Basketball is the driving force in Abbie's life

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Abbie Thundercloud's passion is basketball, which she has been playing practically all the 10 years of her life.

She has loved the sport so much that she actually lied to be able to play in a



Abbie Thundercloud's passion is playing basketball and her goal is to someday play for the Badgers.

basketball tournament game when she was in kindergarten. The game was only open to children in grades first grade through high school and she didn't quite make the grade.

"I told them I was in first grade," Abbie said. "I sneaked in so that I could play."

And she has been playing basketball ever since.

She was playing in the Great Northwest Basketball League tournament, held on Saturday, March 5, at the Black River Falls High

school.

Abbie is the tallest player on her fifth grade Wisconsin Dells team, standing a full 5 foot 5 inches. At the game on Saturday, she sank her first ever game 3-pointer.

"She's taller than me and her grandma," said her mother, April.

To say that April takes an interest in Abbie's development as a basketball player might be considered an understatement. Although April says her younger daughter, Bailey, 4, is Abbie's biggest fan, April attends every game and frequently helps give her daughter direction from the bleachers.

April goes to all of Abbie's games and most of her practice sessions. April also was a basketball player in her earlier years, having played all four years on varsity when she attended high school.

"Abbie, go in for the rebound," April shouted to her daughter during the game.

Abbie's team has won four tournaments this year so far, and at the Tomah tournament, Abbie scored 30 points. Other tournaments were at Wisconsin Rapids and two were at Just-A-Game in Wisconsin Dells.

"She also plays softball and this fall she will be going out for cross country," April said. "Cross country will help her with her endurance."

Abbie admitted that the main reason for joining cross country is so that her basketball game will improve.

"Her goal is to play for the Badgers," April said. "Her

cousin is Will Decorah, who plays for the Badgers."

Another cousin is Emily Decorah, Will's sister, who set several records while playing basketball for University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

"They've always been a big part of our family," April said.

This family connection has certainly had its influence on Abbie, who is doing her best to become another basketball star. She said she wants to carry on the family tradition.

"She won her school's free-throw contest. She was going to compete in the regional contest, but this tournament was on the same day," April said.

Abbie has attended Badger games several times this year and regularly watches the games on television.

At home, she practices her shots with a basketball hoop and backboard in the front yard, doing what she loves best.

"It's just fun to play," she said. "I get to be on a team with my friends."

Her two friends, Madison "Maddie" and Lydia, are on the team with her. The team started with 10 players at the beginning of the season, but is down to nine now because of an injury to one of the players.

When she isn't pounding the hardwood floor, she likes to spend time drawing. And her grades are up to snuff, too.

"I make sure her grades are top-notch. She gets all As," April said.



Abbie's skills on the court have resulted in key performances in games this year.



Driving to the basket, Abbie shows her dominance on the hardwood floor.



Abbie's athletic skills provided an added measure against Edgar on Saturday. Abbie and the Dells team won 18-17.

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Bulldogs in spring training for the 2016 season

AJ Cloud, Staff Writer
Bulldog alumni and current players have started spring training for the 2016 baseball season in the Jackson County Little League.



Bulldogs warming-up at spring training.



Batting practice for Bulldog Wilbur Blackdeer.

Gagas come out of retirement for another game

AJ Cloud, Staff Writer
The third annual Gaga Basketball game tipped off on Saturday, March 5.
Tribal members and the community came out to support Tomah Youth and Learning Center by watching Gaga Basketball participants in 3-point and dance contest as well as a basketball game.



Gaga basketball tip off for the big game.



Crowd looks at Gagas practicing at halftime.



Gaga basketball participants bring a strong defense.

Job Resource Fair

Presented by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor - Tribal Workforce Development

April 27, 2016

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells
S3214 County Road BD
Baraboo, WI 53913

9 AM – 3 PM

REGISTER TODAY!

CONTACT HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

715-284-5877 | william.collins@ho-chunk.com | julie.rodriguez@ho-chunk.com

BMO Harris Bank, Ho-Chunk Nation check cashing

Checks drawn on the Ho-Chunk Nation may be cashed at BMO Harris branch locations.

Ho-Chunk Nation members and employees will not be charged the standard \$10 check cashing fee.

Checks up to \$3,000.00 can be cashed by providing two forms of acceptable identification (at least one primary form listed below).

Primary Identification examples: Driver's License, Tribal Id or State issued ID card.

Secondary Identification examples: Major credit card bearing a MasterCard or Visa logo, Nationally recognized Store credit card, employee identification card, Military ID, Student ID, Public Assistance Card or a current utility bill.

As a regulatory requirement, the bank is required to verify all customers with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). This agency administers and enforces sanctions programs. When cashing a check, the bank must make an OFAC system inquiry to verify that the person cashing the check is not on an OFAC list as a terrorist or narcotics trafficker.

Ho-Chunk Nation Members and employees are encouraged to call or email Michelle Zinser (715-342-3235 or michelle.zinser@bmo.com) at BMO Harris with any questions, service concerns or positive feedback.



H.A.G.A. Monthly Meeting


March 25, 2016 6:00 PM
Black River Falls Gaming Hotel Conference Room
All H.A.G.A. Officers and Area Representatives are expected to be there.

All golfers are invited as we discuss the future tournaments~

THE GOLF SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!



Let's Bead!








Beading Classes days have switched!
Every Wednesday 6pm-8pm
We have done with earrings and moving to Tobacco Pouches!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Linda White will be instructing
All the materials are provided by the Office
If you'd like you can bring your own beads and thread
Snacks and refreshments will be potluck

Ho-Chunk Nation Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630

Office Hours: Mon-Fri (8am to 4:30pm)
Phone#: (773) 202-8433



Veterans Benefit Fair

Tuesday, March 29th, 2016
Vietnam Veterans Day
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells
S3214 County Rd BD / Hwy 12 Baraboo, WI

- FREE – admission, parking (free buffet – w/proof of veterans status)
- Get answers about your eligibility
- Get information about your benefits (compensation, pension, etc...)
- Assistance with applying for certain benefits
- Dog tags (Vets Center)
- Additional Community Services



U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service – Eastern Region
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service will soon be advertising to fill the position of **GS-0301-13, Regional Tribal Relations Specialist** Located at the Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This is a permanent full-time position in the Regional Forester's staff group.

Salary range with Milwaukee locality pay is \$87,426 - \$113,659
Generous benefits package includes leave, medical, thrift-savings, teleworking.

About the Position

The Regional Tribal Relations Specialist serves as a Special Assistant to the Regional Forester and is the Region's senior advisor on American Indian affairs and federal Indian Law and Policy. The Regional Tribal Relations Specialist serves as the Regional Forester's ambassador to the Tribes affiliated with the Eastern Region; provides leadership and accountability for the consistent application of federal Indian Law and Policy throughout the Region; and facilitates opportunities for the Agency to fulfill the Government's trust responsibilities and treaty obligations. The incumbent serves as the Region's principal point of contact with USDA Office of Tribal Relations and the Forest Service Office of Tribal Relations.

Scope of the Program

The Eastern Region Tribal Relations Program provides advice, counsel, and training services to the Forest Service workforce to promote a culture of understanding that results in proactive, effective, and meaningful dialogue with Indian tribes. The program's principal clients are the Forest Service line officers, decision-makers, program managers and project leaders. The program's goal is to provide them with the appropriate context and knowledge to ensure trust responsibilities are recognized and fulfilled and that decisions respond to the current and future needs of Indian tribes and tribal members. The Eastern Region Tribal Relations Program supports the work of all National Forest units and programs to engage in consultation and collaboration with tribes when undertaking the formulation and implementation of policies, programs and actions that have tribal implications, as defined in [Executive Order 13175](#) and [DR 1350-002](#).



FOUNDATION SCHEDULE
FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2016

Meetings taking place at the
Social Services Building

MARCH

Monday-March 14, 2016 – Session 1
5p.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday-March 19, 2016 – Session 2
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Monday-March 21, 2016 – Session 3
5p.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday-March 26, 2016 – Session 4
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Monday-March 30, 2016 – Session 5
5p.m. to 8p.m.

April

Saturday-April 2, 2016 – Session 6
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Monday- April 4, 2016 – Session 7
5p.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday-April 9, 2016 – Session 8
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Monday-April 11, 2016 – Session 9
5p.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday-April 16, 2016 – Session 10
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Kijire Nagu Recruitment for Board of Directors

The mission of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village is to be organized and operated exclusively for the benefit and advancement of individuals in need of sobriety, wellness, and healing, with a special emphasis on serving Ho-Chunk communities.

The Kijire Nagu Healing Village is seeking qualified candidates for its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will act as a fiduciary to the Kijire Nagu, and manage the general affairs of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are required to meet bi-monthly, with additional Special Meetings to be called by the Board Chair, at any time, to conduct any business necessary for the operation of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are further expected to serve a three (3) year term of office.

Qualified candidates will have experience and expertise in one (1) or more of the following area(s):

1. Law Enforcement;

2. Business/Financial Administration;

3. Social Services;

4. Medical Services;

5. Behavioral Health Services;

6. Ho-Chunk Cultural and Spiritual matters;

7. Personal experience in Recovery and Addiction;

8. Fundraising and/or grant writing for non-profit organizations.

Interested persons will submit a letter of interest that details their background and qualifications for one (1) of the eight (8) listed categories above, as well as a statement that explains their desire to help people heal and reasons for joining the Kijire Nagu Healing Village Board of Directors.

All letters of interest should be submitted by May 2, 2016, and sent to:

The Kijire Nagu Workgroup
In care of the of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature
P.O. Box 667
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Any questions can be directed to:
Terry Greendeer
(715) 284-9343
terry.greendeer@ho-chunk.com

SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Lac Courte Oreilles, Petitioner,
v. Vanessa M. Blackdeer, Respondent.

Case : CS 16-22

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Vanessa M. Blackdeer

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Christobal Ruiz III, Petitioner,
v. Ruth R. Houghton, Respondent.

Case : CS 15-107

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Ruth R. Houghton

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Leilanie B Morgan, Petitioner,
v. Travis B Prescott, Respondent.

Case : CS 15-97

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Travis B Prescott

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 2.6c.

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Two-day arts business workshop for Native artists

Submitted by Jeremy Staab, First Peoples Fund

Native artists from the area will have the chance to delve into the world of art markets and culturally-relevant business strategies when they attend this professional development training in April.

In partnership with First Peoples Fund, a national Native organization committed to supporting and honoring Native American artists, Little Eagle Arts Foundation will host a Native Artist Professional Development training session for local and regional Indigenous artists in the region looking to develop their skills, connections and business models.

The two-day training—which is completely free to artists—will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday April 16, 2016 and Sunday April 17, 2016 at the Ho-Chunk Casino, S3214 County Highway Boulevard, Baraboo, WI 53913. Lunch will be served by Little Eagle Arts Foundation.

Advanced registration is encouraged at www.firstpeoplesfund.org.

At the two-day training, artists will learn how to market their art, set budgets and pricing structures, develop a business plan, and more.

“This training is a great way for artists at any stage in their career to start or expand an arts business, whether it be a newcomer unsure about the pricing of their art or a more experienced artist hoping to grow their customer base,” said Jeremy Staab, Program Manager at First Peoples Fund. “Everything we do is designed to honor and protect traditional and cultural values, while helping Native artists succeed and thrive as business people.”

Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Director, at Little Eagle Arts Foundation said “This partnership will empower LEAF’s ability to support artists and their needs due to the ability to tap into FPF’s broad network of resources. As a former First Peoples Fund Fellow I know first-hand the positive effects of this training and as the founding Director

of LEAF I’m so excited to be able to provide this opportunity to artists in my home community.”

Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting American Indian art by cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of American Indian/First Nations artists in order to achieve success and promote a cycle of economic security in Indian Country.

Melanie also had this to say “Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF)’s partnership with First Peoples Fund (FPF) will help us to live to our mission statement. Our upcoming training workshop will be an intertribal gathering of Native artists from Wisconsin. This event will allow both organizations to build community by



creating a safe place for artists to network, to learn, and to engage in business planning designed to help them to be successful artists.”

For more information on the Native Artists Professional Development Training, call

Melanie Tallmadge Sainz at (608)-253-4142 or visit www.firstpeoplesfund.org.

For Those Attending First Peoples Fund - Native Artist Professional Development Training Saturday April 16, 2016 and

Sunday April 17, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ho-Chunk Casino S3214 County Highway Boulevard Baraboo, WI 53913 Register online at www.firstpeoplesfund.org

First Peoples Fund

NATIVE ARTIST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

FIND OUT HOW TO

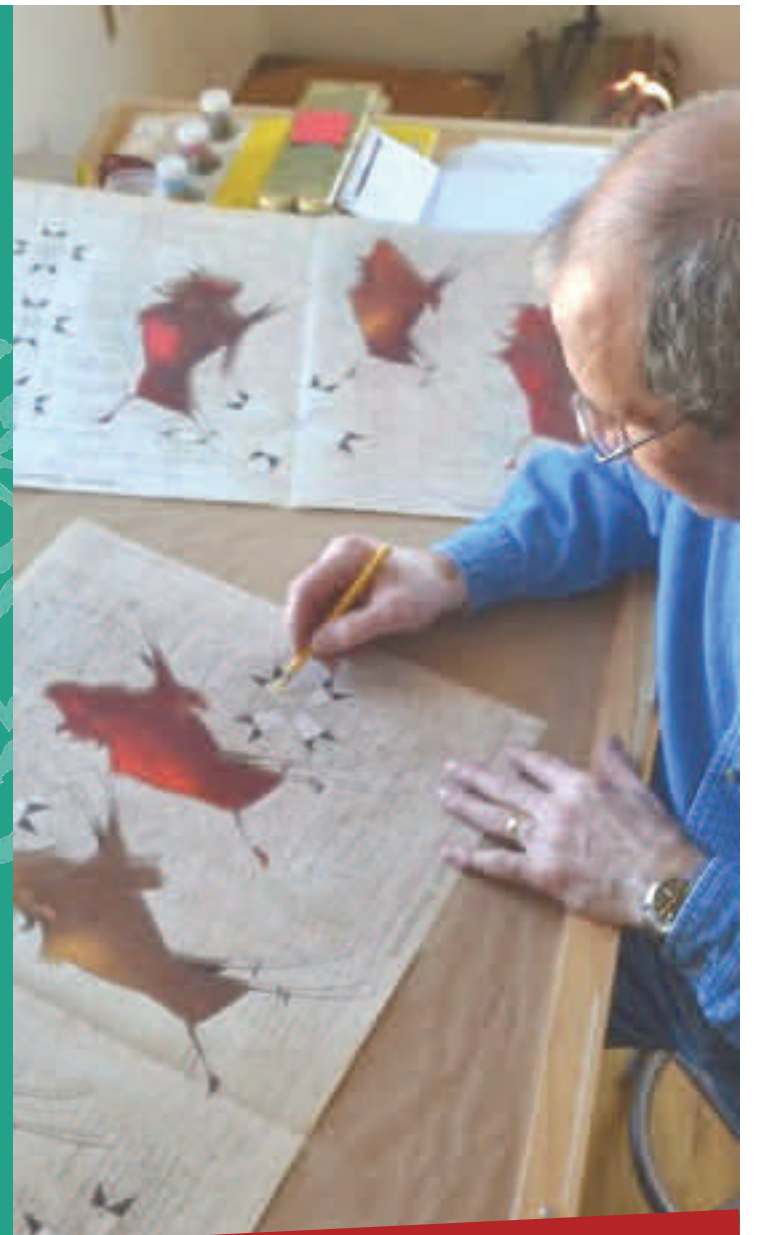
PRICE YOUR ART
MARKET YOUR ART
CREATE A PORTFOLIO
BUDGET YOUR BUSINESS

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

PHONE at (605) 348-0324

REGISTER ONLINE at

FIRSTPEOPLESFUND.ORG



ATTENTION NATIVE ARTIST! FREE ARTS BUSINESS TRAINING

Where: Ho-Chunk Casino, S3214 County Highway Boulevard, Baraboo, WI 53913

Date: Saturday April 16, 2016 and Sunday April 17, 2016

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Free and Open to Native Artists - Lunch Provided

More Information Contact: Melanie Tallmadge Sainz at (608) 253-4142 or littleeaglearts@gmail.com



Photos courtesy of www.firstpeoplesfund.org

Ho-Chunk Nation sponsors Stiks Academy

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a check presentation to the Stiks Academy for a sponsorship on Friday, February 26, 2016. Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin met with representatives from the Stiks Academy in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin to present the check and tour the facility. The funds will go towards tournament costs. Stiks Academy is a baseball training facility located in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Rep. Shelby Visintin,
Ritchie Byhre (Stiks U15), Sean Smith
(Stiks Academy Owner).



Wisconsin Judicare and the Columbia Law School present:



The 2016 Indian Wills Caravan



Judicare staff and students from the Columbia Law School will be at the following locations to assist any tribal member who wants to draft a will, powers of attorney, and other basic estate planning services for free. You may call ahead to set up an appointment, but walk-ins are also okay!

Tomah, Blue Wing Community Center

320 Epinal Road, Tomah, Wisconsin

March 15th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Nekoosa, Cex Hacı Community Center

916 Chak-hah-Chee Ln, Nekoosa, WI

March 15th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Dells, Indian Heights Community Building

N974 Dyer St., Wisconsin Dells, WI

March 16th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additionally, although plans for further locations are not yet finalized, Wisconsin Judicare anticipates continuing the caravan to the Menominee/Stockbridge area on March 17 and to Forest County on March 18. Those sites will also be open to any tribal member.

For more information or to set up an appointment, contact
Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638.

Ho-Chunk Nation presents \$5,000 check in support of Wisconsin Indian Education Association 2016 annual conference

Madison, Wisconsin - The Wisconsin Indian Education Association's (WIEA) annual conference, which will be held on April 1-2, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison, is slated to be one of the best in the history of the organization. Each year, the conference location rotates around the state between the association's seven regions. The theme of this year's conference is 21st Century Indigenous Education: a Self-Determined Pedagogy. The conference offers an opportunity to bring together community members, educators (both Indian and non-Indian), businesses and organizations who are interested in improving Indian education. WIEA is the only state conference that specifically addresses Native American educational issues.

On Tuesday, February 12th, officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation presented a \$5,000 check to members of WIEA's South Region in support of this year's conference. Vice President of the Ho-Chunk Nation Darren Brinegar was on hand to present the check to the local planning committee.

The WIEA South Region, which is charged with planning this year's conference,

is very thankful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their generous gift in support of education for American Indians. Karen Martin of the planning committee, says the donation is an investment in the future of American Indian students and tribal communities. "This is an incredible vote of confidence for not only the Wisconsin Indian Education Association but also for Indian students," said Martin.

The 2016 conference keynote speakers include Bill Herrington (Chickasaw Nation), a retired NASA Astronaut; Bill Mendoza (Oglala-Sicangu Lakota), Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; Patty Loew, Ph.D. (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe) and Life Sciences Communication Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and RunningHorse Livingston (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe), Educator and Founder/CEO of Mathematize, Inc.

A variety of presentations will be given throughout both days aimed at Early Childhood, K-12 Educators, K-12 Students, College/University Students, Community mem-



Participating in the check presentation of \$5,000 from the Ho-Chunk Nation are (from left) Tim Fish, Rebecca Comfort, Darren Brinegar, Rachel Byington, Karen Martin, Arvina Martin, and David Greendeer.

bers. Additionally, Friday, April 1, is Youth Day and Saturday, April 2, is Teacher Track Day.

Rachel Byington, WIEA conference co-chair said, "This conference is a way to increase our communities' understanding of the Wisconsin tribes and what is happening in them - particularly in education."

WIEA was established in 1985 by a group of concerned Indian educators to carry on the efforts of the former Great Lakes Intertribal Council (GLITC) Education sub-committee.

Registration options are available at <http://2016-wiea-conference-madisonwi.eventbrite.com/>. Registration to the conference also covers one year of WIEA membership. For those looking for credit, graduate-level credit applicable toward WDPI license renewal and as evidence toward professional development plan accomplishments available from Edgewood College.

This Year's Conference Sponsors Include:

- Gold Sponsors (\$5000): Ho-Chunk Nation.
- Silver Sponsors (\$2500): Department of Public In-

struction

- Disproportionality Technical Assistance Network
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Nelson Institute and Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Bronze Sponsors (\$1200): Madison Gas & Electric and the School of Human Ecology
- Copper Sponsors (\$500): Bowman Consulting
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- Journey Mental Health Center
- Individual Gifts (less than \$500):

One sweet winner of \$30,000 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells



Submitted by Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

Mary Frydenlund of Oregon, WI was the recent \$30,000 grand prize winner of the Simply Delicious Cash Giveaway at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells (HC-GWD).

Frydenlund was shocked and surprised to hear her name was selected as the big winner of the night. "I'm very happy" exclaimed Mary. Two other lucky winners of

\$10,000 were selected leading up to the grand prize.

March's promotion will be the Spring Bank Break for a chance to win a \$25,000 grand prize plus other cash prizes on Saturday, March 26th at 10pm. Guests may earn entries all month long. For more information on these and other exciting promotions, stop by the Guest Service counter at Ho-Chunk Gaming or go on-line at www.hochunkgaming.com.

Home Ownership Program



27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5
Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM BY APRIL 15, 2016

5545	1305	1277	2076	0139	1276	0139	1276	1285	1889	4050
0090	4301	0650	2869	0935	1264	3187	0318	0193	1246	1516
2464	0077	1198	0999	2139	1637	1474	1238	3174	0801	2474
2654	3650	2566	2997	1539	5083	1811	0354	4137	0414	8535
4138	3091	5820	6615	4282	4704	1190	3858	0509	2979	5346
2805	3081	6202	5328	5760	2437	1102	0086	5904	1876	1899

PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE WINNESHIEK OR SHEILA STOUT

(608)374-1225



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

APRIL 23 | 6PM & 9PM | \$35
ALL TICKET HOLDERS GET \$15 REWARDS PLAY

CALL 800.657.4621 EXT. 4060



ho-chunkgaming.com

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls welcomes anyone 21 years or older to play in the casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. Additional rules and restrictions may apply. See the Rewards Club for complete rules and details. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Workforce Development



Free
Computer
Training
Classes

Interested in updating your computer skills or learning a new program?

- Introduction to computers
- Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Active participants will receive a **Certificate of Completion**

Stop by our office TODAY!

For more information
(715)-284-5877
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julie.rodriguez@ho-chunk.com



2016 Concrete Industry Introduction Training

Screenings

Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Building
1308 E. Franklin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Thursday, March 17th10 am – 2 pm

Friday, March 18th10 am – 2 pm

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor - Tribal Workforce Development is seeking enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members, 18 years of age or older, resident of Minnesota, who are seriously interested in a career in the concrete industry.

For more information please contact Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Workforce Development
715-284-5877 | william.collins@ho-chunk.com | julie.rodriguez@ho-chunk.com

Notice of HHCDA
Monthly Meeting

March 24th, 2016

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency
(HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carri-mon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Robert Funmaker, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thurs-day, March 24, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, 16th, 2016 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

An Update for
BMO Harris Payroll Card
Cardholders

The Ho-Chunk Nation will replace the current BMO Harris Payroll Card program in March. Current card-holders please note the following dates and actions:

1. The last deposit to BMO Harris Payroll cards will be March 15, 2016.
2. Ensure that you have the correct mailing address registered to your account. Visit www.consumercardaccess.com/bmohpaycard or call 800 418-3948 to ensure your information is up to date.
3. Stop any automatic withdrawals or recurring pay-ments you have set up for this account and estab-lish an alternate form of payment. (This may in-clude utility bills, gym memberships, monthly fees, etc.)
4. Promptly withdraw any remaining funds on the ac-count via purchases, ATM withdrawals or a cash advance at any bank that issues MasterCard cards.
5. After March 15, 2016, your cards will continue to work for transactions and you will continue to have access to your funds and to the program web site until March 31, 2016. At that point, any remaining funds on the account will be sent to you via check to your last known address we have on record.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this change may cause you and we are committed to providing you with support throughout this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Payroll Department or Chris Dreves at (715) 284-1660 extension 1219 for more information.



HO-CHUNK NATION
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Administration Division

Education Board of Directors
Vacancy Area I & Area III

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert ad-vice and recommendations to the Executive Director. The term of office is two years and will be vacant by September 2016

Education Board of Directors
Vacancy Area II & Area IV

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert ad-vice and recommendations to the Executive Director. The term of office is two years and will be vacant by October 2016

If interested forward your resume/vitae or for further information please contact Quincy Garvin by email: Quincy.Garvin@ho-chunk.com or by calling (715) 284-4915 Extension 1037

REVISED
MEETING NOTICE
DISTRICT 2

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

LAX Branch Office 724 Main St

TOMAH AREA MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Blue Wing Community Bldg. 320 Epoch St

MADISON AREA MEETING


Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Office 1320 Mendota St

Posted on March 3, 2016



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE



Ho-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

GCA REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

WHO: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2016 @ 10 AM.

WHERE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
27374 STATE HIGHWAY 21 BLDG 2
TOMAH, WI 54660

AGENDA:

- GCA MONTHLY REPORTS
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS
- GCA Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

OOGC- STAFF

POSTED 08.09.2015

Office of the General Council

27374 Highway 21, Tomah, WI 54661 Phone: (715) 284-7891 Fax: (608)372-6092

MEETING NOTICE

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs

VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

SANFORD WHITE EAGLE POST 442

E11046 North Reedsburg Rd – Baraboo, WI

Friday, March 25, 2016

9:00 am

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Determination of Quorum

IV. Opening Prayer

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of minutes

- Minutes from February 20, 2016

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Other

XI. Next Meeting Date/location

XII. Adjournment

The Division of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Advisory Board meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

MEETING NOTICE


District 4 Meeting

March 16, 2016 • 6:00 pm

Milwaukee Branch Office


3501 S. Howell, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Happy 3rd Birthday Kuru!



Love Jagi & Nani

March 13




3rd Memorial Native American Church ceremony for

Delbert Cleveland

Saturday March 26-27, 2016

District 1 Community Center



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General Council Agency Vacancy

- Wittenberg-GCA Alternate (1)

Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

For more information, contact the following:

Joy Thompson, GC Advocate at Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com

Wendy Running Horse, GC Deputy Advocate at Wendy.Runninghorse@ho-chunk.com

Tanya Kessen, PT GC Deputy Advocate at Tanya.Kessen@ho-chunk.com

Julia Hopinkah-Archie, GC Secretary at Julia.Archie@ho-chunk.com

John Swimmer, GCA Attorney at John.Swimmer@ho-chunk.com

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.

27374 State Highway 21 Suite #2 (P.O Box 729) Tomah, WI 54660

Phone: (715)284-7891 Fax: (608)372-6092

Lewis impressed by annual Ira Hayes event in Arizona

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

After many years of his absence, Sid Lewis returned to an annual event that has a great amount of meaning to him.

Lewis was in Sacaton, Arizona, to be a part of the 66th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Event on February 19. It is observed there because Pima Native American Ira Hayes was from Sacaton and the Ira H. Hayes Monument is located in the Mathew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton.

The memorial event is for Hayes, who is best known for his role in helping raise the American flag Over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945, an event photographed by Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press.

In 1949, Hayes appeared briefly as himself in the film, Sands of Iwo Jima, starring John Wayne. In the movie, Wayne handed the American flag to Gagnon, Hayes, and Bradley who are the actual three surviving second flag-raisers. The second flag that was raised on Mount Suriba-

chi is used in the film and is handed directly to Gagnon.

Johnny Cash wrote a ballad honoring him, Clint Eastwood made a movie where Ira plays a central role, and his people, the Pima honor and remember Hayes, a symbol to Native Americans.

Since Lewis is part Ho-Chunk and part Pima, he takes a special interest in the annual observation and knows Hayes’s brother, Kenneth, who earned a Silver Star Award for his service in the Korean War. In his younger years, Lewis also met and knew Hayes’s father and mother, Joe and Nancy.

The annual commemorative event featured a fly-over by biplanes and a parade, which included many Native American members from American Legion posts across the country. Seminoles, Mandaree, Sioux, White Shield and Potawatomi participated in the parade, along with every tribe in Arizona, including the Pima. In 1995, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation marched in the parade, Lewis said. That is the last time he had attended the event previ-



Kenneth Hayes, brother of Ira, rode in a convertible in the parade in conjunction of the 66th Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising Event.



As the ceremony began, a formation of five biplanes passed overhead.

ous to this time.

“One of the best parts was the people in the crowd thanking the veterans,” Lewis said.

A group of Scottish bagpipe players marched in the parade, providing especially meaningful music.

After the parade, a special ceremony was held in the amphitheater to provide words of commemoration.

“Most impressive was the ‘thank you’s from the people and the veterans acknowledging their appreciation,” Lewis said. “It validated why they did it. You could just see it in their faces.”



The Grand Marshall was Kenneth Hayes, who was a Army veteran of the Korean War.



Sid Lewis’ favorite photo was this one, a picture of a young native boy who was respectful to the American flag and all the veterans who sacrificed so much.

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